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TWO ARLINGTON DEVELOPMENTAL CENTER EMPLOYEES INDICTED FOR ABUSE

Memphis, TN- Terrell L. Harris, United States Attorney for the Westem District of Tennessee announces today the indictments of Tovi Brewer and Leon Bratcher for conspiring and violating the civil rights of an Arlington Developmental Center patient, James Johnson.

The indictment alleges Johnson is a severelly retarded patient at the ADC and Brewer and Bratcher were assigned to care for Johnson. Brewer and Bratcher are charged with abusing Johnson by threatening, hitting, and kicking Johnson. They are also charged with beating Johnson with an electrical cord.

This indictment is a result of a one year joint investigation by Tennessee Bureau of Investigation, Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Department of Justice Civil Rights Criminal Section. Assistant United States Attorney Steve Parker is handling the case for the government.

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